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In the Application of:)
Richard L. Palinkas) Examiner: B. Pezzlo
Title: SIDE BEARING PAD) Group Art Unit: 3683
Serial No.: 09/407,053)
Filed: September 27, 1999) (Our Docket No. 6350-05)

Hartford, Connecticut, February 18, 2003

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

S I R:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants appeal to the Board of
Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's Final Action of November
19, 2002 which rejects claims 1, 3, 5 - 8, 10 - 15 and 17 - 22 of the above-identified
patent application.

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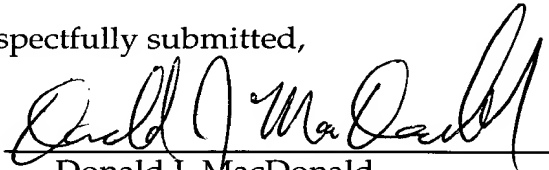
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A check in the amount of \$320.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) for filing a Notice of Appeal. No additional fees or deficiencies in fees are believed to be owed. However, if there are any additional fees owed, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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